

S5.4.2.2 School buses with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less. * * *

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S5.5.1 In buses other than school buses, and except for windows serving as emergency exits in accordance with S5.2.2.3(b) and doors in buses with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less, each emergency exit door shall have the designation "Emergency Door" or "Emergency Exit," and every other emergency exit shall have the designation "Emergency Exit" followed by concise operating instructions describing each motion necessary to unlatch and open the exit, located within 16 centimeters of the release mechanism.

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S5.5.3 * * *

(c) Each opening for a required emergency exit shall be outlined around its outside perimeter with a retroreflective tape with a minimum width of 2.5 centimeters and either red, white, or yellow in color, that when tested under the conditions specified in S6.1 of Standard No. 131 (49 CFR 571.131), meets the criteria specified in Table 1 of that section.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 663

[Docket No. 940254-4104; I.D. 042795B]

Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Closure of Whiting At-sea Processing

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Fishing restrictions.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the prohibition of further processing at-sea of Pacific whiting at 1400 hours (local time) on May 4, 1995, based on its projection that 60 percent (107,000 metric tons (mt)) of the 1995 harvest guideline for Pacific whiting will have been harvested by that time. This action is authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan and is necessary to provide adequate amounts of whiting for shoreside processors and to achieve the allocation adopted for 1995.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1400 hours (local time) May 4, 1995, through 2400 hours (local time) April 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to William Stelle, Jr., Director, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN-C15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William L. Robinson at 206-526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 13, 1994, NMFS issued regulations (59 FR 17491) to allocate annually the U.S. Pacific whiting harvest guideline in the years 1994 through 1996 between fishing vessels that either catch and process at sea or catch and deliver to at-sea processors (the at-sea sector) and fishing vessels that catch and deliver to processors located on shore (the shore-based sector). In each of the 3 years, after 60 percent of the annual harvest guideline (or quota) for Pacific whiting has been or is projected to be taken, further at-sea processing of Pacific whiting in the exclusive economic zone will be prohibited. The remaining 40 percent of the harvest guideline is reserved initially for harvest by vessels delivering to shore-based processors. The regulations require that the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, announce in the **Federal Register** when 60 percent of the whiting harvest guideline has been, or is about to be, harvested, specifying a time after

which further at-sea processing of Pacific whiting in the fishery management area is prohibited.

The most recent catch data available on May 2, 1995, indicate that approximately 92,700 mt of Pacific whiting have been harvested through May 1, 1995, and 60 percent (107,000 mt) of the 178,400 mt harvest guideline for Pacific whiting is projected to be reached by 1400 hours (local time) on May 4, 1995.

Secretarial Action

For the reasons given above, and in accordance with 50 CFR 663.23(b)(4)(i) and (iv), after 1400 hours (local time) on May 4, 1995, at-sea processing of Pacific whiting is prohibited (except for Pacific whiting that was on board the processing vessel prior to that time), and the taking and retaining, or receiving (except as cargo) of Pacific whiting by a vessel in the fishery management area with processed whiting on board is prohibited. Any vessel used to fish for whiting for processing at sea must have its trawl doors on board and attached to the trawl (50 CFR 663.7(o)).

Classification

The determination that 60 percent of the harvest guideline is about to be harvested is based on the most recent data available. The aggregate data upon which the determination is based are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director, Northwest Region (see **ADDRESSES**) during business hours. This action is taken under the authority of 50 CFR 663.23 (b)(4)(i) (59 FR 17493-17494, April 13, 1994), and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 3, 1995.

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Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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